

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By Chairman Mike Milburn, on February 6, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. John Ward (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 389, 2/1/2007; HB 439, 2/1/2007

Executive Action: HB 376; HJ 12; HB 232

HEARING ON HB 439

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:19 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 439, Exempt ponds from licensure.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:29 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

[EXHIBIT\(fih26a01\)](#)

00:15:06 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(fih26a02\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:16:16 Chris Smith, Chief of Staff, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih26a03\)](#)

00:16:36 Rep. Wilson left the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:25 Rep. Jore

00:22:40 Mark Aagenes

00:24:31 Rep. Hilbert

00:26:04 Rep. Van Dyk

00:25:50 Chris Smith

00:31:21 Rep. Hilbert

00:32:00 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division

00:34:07 Rep. Barrett

00:35:24 Rep. Peterson

00:38:08 Rep. Dutton

00:39:32 Chairman Milburn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:41 Rep. Roger Koopman

HEARING ON HB 389

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:04 Rep. Debby Barrett (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 389, Direct FWP and Commission to rewrite state's elk management plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:22 Jay Bodner, representing Montana Stock Growers Association
00:59:11 Megan Brower, representing Montana Farm Bureau
00:59:48 Tim Ravndal, Montana Multiple Use Association

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:42 David Scrimm, self
01:07:20 Robert Throssell, representing Montana Wildlife Federation
01:11:14 Linda Stoll, representing Montana Wilderness Association

Informational Testimony:

01:13:41 Chris Smith
EXHIBIT(fih26a04)
01:18:40 Jerry Meyer, U. S. Forest Service

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:19:01 Rep. Hilbert
01:20:27 Rep. Barrett
01:22:28 Rep. Vincent
01:23:00 Gerry Meyer
01:23:31 Rep. Phillips
01:23:49 Chris Smith
01:27:20 Rep. Barrett
01:28:07 Rep. Peterson
01:29:12 Chairman Milburn
01:29:28 Chris Smith
01:32:52 Rep. Barrett

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:01 Rep. Debby Barrett
01:44:01 Reps. Vincent, Groesbeck and Van Dyk left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 376

01:44:55 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 376 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:45:09 Rep. Milburn

01:45:37 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Hendrick made a substitute motion that **HB 376 BE TABLED.**

01:45:51 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 19-0 by voice vote with Reps. Wilson, Ward, Vincent, Groesbeck and Van Dyk voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 232

01:46:41 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 232 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:46:59 Rep. Peterson

01:47:33 Rep. Phillips

01:47:57 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Wilson, Ward, Vincent, Groesbeck and Van Dyk voting by proxy.

01:48:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HB 232 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Wilson, Ward, Vincent, Groesbeck and Van Dyk voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 12

01:49:40 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HJ 12 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:49:46 Rep. Peterson

01:50:08 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 5-14 by roll call vote with Reps. Becker, Branae, Cordier, Driscoll, and Van Dyk voting aye. Reps. Wilson, Ward, Vincent, Groesbeck and Van Dyk voting by proxy.

01:51:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **HJ 12 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Wilson, Ward, Vincent, Groesbeck and Van Dyk voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih26aad.pdf](#))